



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

## Discover Cambodia

### 6-Day, 5-Night Journey

*Siem Reap*

This 6-day journey explores the history and archaeological sites of a dynasty from Khmer kings who once ruled one of the largest, most prosperous, and most sophisticated kingdoms in the history of Southeast Asia. In Cambodia, ancient and modern worlds collide to create an authentic adventure to remember. Explore the temples of Angkor and be amazed by one of the world's greatest architectural showpieces! Be inspired with a comprehensive look into the ancient Khmer culture and how the people here are determined to preserve its history and traditions while welcoming modern development. This trip is perfect for those wanting to take in all the main highlights of this fascinating country!

#### ◆ Customizable Private Tour

#### Trip Overview (\*UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

- ▶ Shrine of Two Angkorian Princesses: Preah Ang Chek & Preah Angkor Chom
- ▶ Pagoda
- ▶ **Angkor Archaeological Park\***
- ▶ Angkor Thom
- ▶ Baphuon Temple
- ▶ Terrace of the Elephants
- ▶ Terrace of the Leper King
- ▶ Angkor Wat
- ▶ Morning Alms ..(Food Offerings to Monks)
- ▶ Live Cooking Class & Lunch
- ▶ Apsara Dance Performance
- ▶ Ruins of Ta Prohm
- ▶ Royal City of Preah Khan
- ▶ Neak Pean
- ▶ Ta Som
- ▶ East Mebon
- ▶ Preah Rup

- ▶ Thommanon Temple
- ▶ Ta Keo
- ▶ Banteay Kdei  
(Citadel of the Cells)
- ▶ Srah Srang (Royal Bathing Place)
- ▶ Prasat Kravan(Brick Sculptures)
- ▶ Les Chantiers Ecole  
(Handicraft Center)
- ▶ Banteay Srei Temple
- ▶ Kbal Spean Archaeological Site
- ▶ Village Visit
- ▶ Baray Oriental sites
- ▶ Monastery
- ▶ Tonle Sap Lake Floating Village  
& Boat Ride

## Why You'll Love This Tour



### **AN EMPIRE OF TEMPLES**

The Khmer Empire was the largest empire of Southeast Asia and flourished between the 9th and 15th century. The ultimate expression of Khmer genius is found in a UNESCO World Heritage Site called the Angkor Wat, and is matched by only a few select spots in the world such as Machu Picchu or Petra.



### **APSARA: THE CAMBODIAN DANCE**

No visit is complete without a traditional dance performance. This dance is an essential part of the Khmer culture. Every single movement of the fingers has a particular meaning and in 2003, UNESCO recognized the dance as a masterpiece of oral and intangible heritage of humanity.



### **KHMER FISH AMOK CURRY**

Cambodia's cuisine is all about the contrasts — sweet and bitter, salty and sour, fresh and cooked. Fish Amok is a classic Khmer dish that is a must-try when you get here! Everyone that we talked to had a family recipe for their own version of this dish.

## Inclusions

- Airport Transfers, Meet and Greet
- Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals  
(See tour plan for details)
- English-speaking Local Guide
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

## Exclusions

- Air Fare
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee
- Gratuity
- Personal Expenses

## Nearby Airport

Siem Reap - Siem Reap International Airport (REP)

## Itinerary

(B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner

### DAY 1: SIEM REAP | ARRIVAL

Upon arrival into **Siem Reap**, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, we visit the shrine of two Angkorian princesses (**Preah Ang Chek Preah Angkor Chom**) and a local **pagoda**.

### DAY 2: SIEM REAP | THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR (B)

Today, we see an astonishing profusion of ancient monuments in both size and number. Not to mention the intricate artistry of an idealized representation of the Hindu cosmos carved in stone. The "Great City" of **Angkor Thom** visits include the famous **Bayon Temple**, **Phimeanakas Temple** within the Royal Palace enclosure, **Baphuon Temple**, the **Terrace of the Elephants** and the **Terrace of the Leper King**. Afternoon visit to **Angkor Wat** temple.

### DAY 3: SIEM REAP | MORNING ALMS, COOKING CLASS, APSARA DANCE PERFORMANCE (B, L, D)

The monks in saffron robes venture out every morning to receive **alms** (food offerings). You can observe this procession before breakfast. Learn to **cook Khmer style** with a local chef. Get to know the traditional ingredients and steps to prepare Cambodia's signature dishes. Finish off the class by enjoying your freshly prepared meal.



Enjoy an **Apsara dance performance**. The elegant performers, dressed in glittering silk and sequins, evoke the legendary apsara (female spirit of the clouds and waters) of Hindu mythology.

#### **DAY 4: SIEM REAP | TA PROHM & ROYAL MONASTERIES (B)**

Visit the jungle-smothered ruins of **Ta Prohm**, one of the most evocative of all Angkor's ancient monuments. It is half-consumed by the encroaching forest. This was a movie filming location for *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*.

Explore the Royal City of Preah Khan, Neak Pean, Ta Som, East Mebon, Preah Rup. Thommanon temple, Ta keo, Banteay Kdei (Citadel of the Cells), Srah Srang (Royal bathing place), Prasat Kravan (unique brick sculptures). Then visit **Les Chantiers Ecole**, a handicraft center, to learn about the art of silk weaving, and stone and wood carving.

#### **DAY 5: SIEM REAP | BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE, KBAL SPEAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE (B)**

A short drive to **Banteay Srei**, a 10th-century Cambodian rose-pink sandstone temple. It is the most elaborately decorated of all Angkor's monuments. Continue to the magical area of the jungle, **Kbal Spean (Bridge Head)**. It was a hillside retreat for the Khmer in 11<sup>th</sup> century where they carved sacred linga and Hindu gods in the river rocks. Continue to a local village Baray Oriental and a monastery.

#### **DAY 6: SIEM REAP | FLOATING VILLAGE TONLE SAP LAKE BOAT RIDE, END OF TOUR (B)**

After breakfast we take a boat ride to visit the fascinating lakeside **floating villages** with floating houses and stilted houses on **Tonle Sap Lake**. This is the largest freshwater lake in South East Asia. The tour ends after the boat ride.

Transfer to **Siem Reap International Airport (REP)** for your flight home.

## Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

